Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9, 21 and 32, and amend claims 6, 10-12, 18, 22-24, 30 and 33-35 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1   1.   (canceled).

1   2.   (canceled).

1   3.   (canceled).

1   4.   (canceled).

1   5.   (canceled).

1   6.   (currently amended) A graphic user interface for an electronic device with a
2   display comprising:
3   a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be
4   created, said different graphic elements existing on said global drawing surface; and
5   a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface
6   having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created,
7   said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively
8   display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing
9   surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured
10   such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing surface are managed
11   by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface,
12   wherein a first graphic element of said additional graphic elements is
13   displayed in said display-and-control graphic element and a second graphic element
14   of said different graphic element is displayed outside of said display-and-control
15   graphic element, and wherein said second graphic element outside of said display-

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16   and-control graphic element has a defined operational relationship with said first

17   graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element.

1   7.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said

2   display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing

3   surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1   8.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 7 wherein said

2   display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close

3   switch.

1   9.   (canceled).

1   10.   (currently amended) The graphic user interface of claim 6 [[9]] wherein said

2   first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second

3   graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first

4   graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1   11.   (currently amended) The graphic user interface of claim 6 [[9]] wherein said

2   first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second

3   graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second

4   graphic element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1   12.   (currently amended) The graphic user interface of claim 6 [[9]] wherein said

2   different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-

3   control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and

4   functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic

5   elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

1   13.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further

2   comprising a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing

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3   surface, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element

4   that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic

5   element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface

6   or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic

7   element.

1   14.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further

2   comprising a second display-and-control graphic element on said local drawing

3   surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said second display-

4   and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control graphic

5   element, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element

6   that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic

7   element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface

8   or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic

9   element.

1   15.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further

2   comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic

3   control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said

4   additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a

5   relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said

6   graphic control device.

1   16.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further

2   comprising a second display-and-control graphic element associated with a particular

3   graphic element of said different graphic elements, said second display-and-control

4   graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said

5   particular graphic element.

1   17.   (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 16 wherein said

2   second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control

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3   graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being

4   configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic

5   element.

1   18.   (currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine,

2   tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to provide

3   a graphic user interface on a display, said graphic user interface comprising:

4   a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be

5   created, said different graphic elements existing on said global drawing surface; and

6   a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface

7   having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created,

8   said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively

9   display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing

10   surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured

11   such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing surface are managed

12   by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface,

13   wherein a first graphic element of said additional graphic elements is

14   displayed in said display-and-control graphic element and a second graphic element

15   of said different graphic element is displayed outside of said display-and-control

16   graphic element, and wherein said second graphic element outside of said display-

17   and-control graphic element has a defined operational relationship with said first

18   graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element.

1   19.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said

2   display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing

3   surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1   20.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 19 wherein said

2   display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close

3   switch.

1   21.   (canceled).

1   22.   (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 18 ~~21~~ wherein said
2   first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second
3   graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first
4   graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1   23.   (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 18 ~~21~~ wherein said
2   first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second
3   graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second
4   graphic element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1   24.   (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 18 ~~21~~ wherein said
2   different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-
3   control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and
4   functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic
5   elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

1   25.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2   graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element
3   on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element
4   including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic
5   element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements
6   on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said
7   display-and-control graphic element.

1   26.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2   graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element
3   on said local drawing surface display-and-control graphic element such that said
4   second display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control
5   graphic element, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic

6 element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular

7 graphic element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing

8 surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic

9 element.

1 27.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 further

2 comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic

3 control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said

4 additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a

5 relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said

6 graphic control device.

1 28.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said

2 graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element

3 associated with a particular graphic element of said different graphic elements, said

4 second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to

5 modify a property of said particular graphic element.

1 29.   (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 28 wherein said

2 second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control

3 graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being

4 configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic

5 element.

1 30.   (previously presented) A method for providing a computer environment

2 comprising:

3   generating a display-and-control graphic element having a local

4 drawing surface on a global drawing surface, said display-and-control graphic

5 element having a viewable area that can selectively display a portion of said local

6 drawing surface such that some of said local drawing surface is not displayed; and

7   creating a graphic element on said local drawing surface of said

8 display-and-control graphic element such that said graphic element is managed by

9 said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface; and

10   creating a second graphic element on said global drawing surface local

11 drawing surface outside of said display-and-control graphic element; and

12   defining an operational relationship between said graphic element in

13 said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic element outside of

14 said display-and-control graphic element.

1 31.   (previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein said display-and-

2 control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing surface provides a

3 same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1 32.   (canceled).

1 33.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30 [[32]] wherein said ~~functionally~~

2 ~~linking~~ defining said operational relationship includes ~~functionally linking~~ defining

3 said operational relationship between said graphic element in said display-and-control

4 graphic element and said second graphic element outside of said display-and-control

5 graphic element ~~with a second graphic element on said global drawing surface~~ such

6 that said graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1 34.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30 [[32]] wherein said ~~functionally~~

2 ~~linking~~ defining said operational relationship includes ~~functionally linking~~ defining

3 said operational relationship said graphic element in said display-and-control graphic

4 element and said second graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic

5 element ~~with a second graphic element on said global drawing surface~~ such that said

6 second graphic element is controlled by said graphic element.

1 35.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30 [[32]] further comprising saving

2 said graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control

3   graphic element, including relative positions and functional associations of said

4   graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control graphic

5   element, as a log.

1   36.   (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising:

2   generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said

3   global drawing surface;

4   creating a second graphic element in said second display-and-control

5   graphic element; and

6   functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control

7   graphic element with said second graphic element in said second display-and-control

8   graphic element.

1   37.   (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising:

2   generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said local

3   drawing surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said second

4   display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control

5   graphic element;

6   creating a second graphic element in said second display-and-control

7   graphic element; and

8   functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control

9   graphic element with said second graphic element in said second display-and-control

10   graphic element.

1   38.   (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising

2   functionally linking a graphic control device on said global drawing surface with said

3   graphic element such that a relative layering position of said graphic element with

4   respect to other graphic elements on said local global surface of said display-and-

5   control graphic element is controlled by said graphic control device.

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39. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface that is associated with a particular graphic element on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said particular graphic element.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said generating of said second display-and-control graphic element includes generating a set of display-and-control graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic element.

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